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1. DR. GABRIEL CARREON, DIRECTOR OF THE PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL, TODAY PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON U.P. MEDICAL CENTER PROJECT:

A. MRS. MARCOS LAST SUMMER FORMED HOSPITAL COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF CARREON (MEDICAL EXPERT), GSIS DIRECTOR RAMON CRUZ (FINANCE EXPERT) AND JORGE RAMOS (ARCHITECT) AND CHARGED THEM WITH DEVELOPING PLANS FOR 1500 BED U.P. MEDICAL CENTER. MRS. MARCOS INFORMED COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT FINANCIAL BACKING FOR PROJECT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY WEST GERMAN BANKS.

B. COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING REGULARLY IN ORDER DEVELOP BASIC DESIGN CONCEPT FOR HOSPITAL. RECENTLY, SEVERAL ARCHITECTS FROM WEST GERMANY VISITED MANILA TO ASSIST. DESIGN CONCEPT SHOULD BE FINALIZED WITHIN NEXT SIX WEEKS, AT WHICH TIME IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO MRS. MARCOS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

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C. NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE REGARDING APPROACH TO

HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION, I.E. WHETHER IT WILL BE DONE ON A TURNKEY BASIS OR CONTRACTS LET FOR VARIOUS STAGES. DECISION WILL BE MADE AFTER APPROVAL OF DESIGN CONCEPT BY MR MARCOS AND COMMITMENT OF FINANCES.

D. TOTAL COST OF HOSPITAL NOW THOUGHT TO BE IN RANGE OF \$50 MILLION RATHER THAN THE \$35-38 MILLION ORIGINALLY QUOTED.

2. CARREON STATED THAT AS MEDICAL MEMBER OF COMMITTEE HE WAS NOT IN POSITION PROVIDE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING FINANCIAL OFFERS. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF U.S. COMPANIES ARE INTERESTED IN PROJECT, THEY VISIT PHILIPPINES EQUIPPED TO DISCUSS TOTAL PACKAGE APPROACH WHICH WOULD INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION, SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT AND FINANCING.

3. RAMOS HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE IN RECENT WEEKS BUT WE WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH HIM TO SEE IF HE CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON DESIGN. WE WILL ALSO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH CRUZ REGARDING FINANCING. MEANWHILE, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PROVIDE QUALIFIED AMERICAN COMPANIES INFORMATION AVAILABLE THUS FAR, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS NEED TO DEVELOP PACKAGE APPROACH TO PROJECT.
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